

SEC. . GIFTS IN THE JUDICIAL BRANCH.

It is the sense of the Senate that the Judicial Conference of the United States should review and reevaluate its regulations pertaining to the acceptance of gifts and the acceptance of travel and travel-related expenses and that such regulations should cover all judicial branch employees, including members and employees of the Supreme Court of the United States.

STEVENS AMENDMENT NO. 1879

Mr. MCCAIN (for Mr. STEVENS) proposed an amendment to amendment No. 1872 proposed by Mr. MCCAIN to the bill S. 1061, *supra*; as follows:

At the end of the substitute amendment, add the following:

SEC. 3. ACCEPTANCE OF GIFTS BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES AND ADMINISTRATION.

The Senate Committee on Rules and Administration on behalf of the Senate, may accept a gift if the gift does not involve any duty, burden, or condition, or is not made dependent upon some future performance by the United States. The Committee on Rules and Administration is authorized to promulgate regulations to carry out this section.

**WELLSTONE (AND OTHERS)
AMENDMENT NO. 1880**

Mr. WELLSTONE (for himself, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mr. LAUTENBURG, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. KEMPTHORNE, and Mr. CRAIG) proposed an amendment to amendment No. 1872 proposed by Mr. MCCAIN to the bill S. 1061, *supra*; as follows:

Strike paragraph 1(a) and insert in lieu thereof the following:

"1. (a)(1) No Member, officer, or employee of the Senate shall knowingly accept a gift except as provided in this rule.

"(2) A Member, officer, or employee may accept a gift (other than cash or cash equivalent) which the Member, officer or employee reasonably and in good faith believes to have a value of less than \$50, and a cumulative value from one source during a calendar year of less than \$100. No gift with a value below \$10 shall count towards the \$100 annual limit. No formal recordkeeping is required by this paragraph, but a Member, officer, or employee shall make a good faith effort to comply with this paragraph."

NOTICES OF HEARINGS**SUBCOMMITTEE ON POST OFFICE AND CIVIL SERVICE**

Mr. ROTH. Mr. President, I would like to announce that the Subcommittee on Post Office and Civil Service, of the Committee on Governmental Affairs, will hold a hearing on August 2, 1995. The Postmaster General of the United States will present the annual report of the Postal Service.

The hearing is scheduled for 9:30 a.m. in room 342 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building. For further information, please contact Pat Raymond, staff director, at 224-2254.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON AGING

Mr. COHEN. Mr. President, I wish to announce that the Special Committee on Aging will hold a hearing on Thursday, August 3, 1995, at 9:30 a.m., in room 628 of the Dirksen Senate Office

Building. The hearing is entitled "Federal Oversight of Medicare HMO's: Assuring Beneficiary Protection."

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Mr. MURKOWSKI. Mr. President, I would like to announce for the information of the Senate and public that a hearing has been scheduled before the full Committee on Energy and Natural Resources to consider S. 1054, to provide for the protection of southeast Alaska jobs and communities, and for other purposes.

The hearing will take place on Wednesday, August 9, 1995, at 9:30 a.m., in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building in Washington, DC.

Those wishing to testify or who wish to submit written statements should write to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, U.S. Senate, Washington, DC 20510. For further information, please contact Mark Rey of the committee staff at (202) 224-2878.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET**COMMITTEE ON BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS**

Mr. DOLE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Friday, July 28, 1995, to conduct a hearing on the condition of the savings association insurance fund.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS

Mr. DOLE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Friday, July 28, 1995, to conduct a nomination hearing. (Nominees will include: Herbert F. Collins, of Massachusetts, to be a Member of the Thrift Depositor Protection Oversight Board; and Maria Luisa Mabilangan Haley, of Arkansas, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Export-Import Bank.)

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Mr. DOLE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Finance be permitted to meet on Friday, July 28, 1995, beginning at 9:30 a.m. in room SD-215, to conduct a hearing on the debt limit.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND HUMAN RESOURCES

Mr. DOLE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Labor and Human Resources be authorized to meet for a hearing on health insurance and domestic violence, during the session of the Senate on Friday, July 28, 1995, at 9:30 a.m.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS**THE NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF STATE LEGISLATURES**

• Mr. SHELBY. Mr. President, I rise today to bring to the Senate's attention a resolution adopted by the National Conference of State Legislatures in opposition to the preemption of State tort law. The conference stated that "no comprehensive evidence exists demonstrating either that State product liability laws have created a problem of such dimension that a Federal solution is warranted or that Federal legislation would achieve its stated goals." Mr. President, the conference went on to state that they "strongly oppose[s] all legislation before Congress that would have the effect of preempting State laws regulating recovery for injuries caused by defective products."

I believe that the Senate would be wise to listen to position of the conference of State Legislatures, made up of legislators from all 50 States. The Senate should not federalize our Nation's tort system and destroy over 200 years of State law. I urge my colleagues to heed the advice of our Nation's State legislators. I ask that a resolution adopted by the National Conference of State Legislatures be printed in the RECORD.

The resolution follows:

NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF STATE LEGISLATURES RESOLUTION ADOPTED JULY 20, 1995

NCSL has reviewed proposed federal legislation that would preempt state law by severely restricting the rights of persons injured by defective products to seek recovery in state courts. Such legislation fails to meet the standards necessary for federal preemption.

In particular, no comprehensive evidence exists demonstrating either that state product liability laws have created a problem of such dimension that a federal solution is warranted or that federal legislation would achieve its stated goals. NCSL believes that the proposed legislation would create serious new problems in the field of product liability by dictating a single set of rules controlling the timeliness of claims and the admissibility of evidence. It would conflict with long-standing state laws governing tort liability, workers' compensation and insurance regulations. By doing so, such proposals would place state legislatures and state courts in an intolerable legal straightjacket.

Therefore, in conformance with our general policy in opposition to federal preemption of state law and in the conviction that it is particularly improper for the federal government to attempt to restrict citizen access to state courts, the National Conference of State Legislatures strongly opposes all legislation before Congress that would have the effect of preempting state laws regulating recovery for injuries caused by defective products. •

TRIBUTE TO THE BICENTENNIAL OF THE U.S. NAVY SUPPLY CORPS

• Mr. NUNN. Mr. President, I would like to commend the outstanding service of the U.S. Navy Supply Corps, which is celebrating its bicentennial